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### **Recent Weather Conditions Cause Damage to Grand Canyon's North Kaibab Trail**

**Grand Canyon, Ariz.** - On January 10, 2008, the National Park Service received a report of trail damage on the North Kaibab Trail approximately 3 miles North of Phantom Ranch. During a trail assessment conducted by National Park Service Trail Crew members, it was determined that a 20 foot section of trail was damaged and will need to be repaired. Damage appears to have been caused by freeze-thaw conditions that normally occur during this time of the year.

Current conditions will allow for continued hiker access; however, due to narrow trail conditions, the trail will be closed to private, cross-canyon stock use until repairs are complete. Commercial mule trips do not use this section of trail and will not be affected by the closure.

Hikers are advised to use caution when hiking this section of trail and to follow any instructions given by trail crew workers in the construction area.

Hiker traffic and private, cross-canyon stock use on the lower reaches of the North Kaibab are light at this time of year. So, minimal impacts to park visitors are anticipated. Repairs to the trail should be completed in early February.

For additional information regarding backcountry trip planning and the North Kaibab Trail, please contact the Grand Canyon Backcountry Office at 928-638-7875.

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